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CONFERENCE 17/76 SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 20TH

The 1976 report of cash flow through the Conference Office indicates that we are responding responsibly to our commitment. Forty-one churches in the Conference are participating in the Achievement Fund, and to date \$64,864.49 has been forwarded thru the Conference Office, with \$2,918.22 being retained -- this sum designated to Pacific University for scholarships for minority students.

We can be proud of this report; but, the committee is eager to give all churches, especially those churches who are not active in the Fund, an opportunity to share in the satisfaction and joy of the achievement. We are, therefore, designating (through approval of the Executive Board) Sunday, February 20, as "17/76 Sunday", and asking that on that day special recognition be given to the work of schools and colleges and seminaries related to our denomination - especially our six AMA Colleges and the educational institutions related to the World Board - and that a special offering be made for this cause. Monies to be forwarded to the Conference Office. The Committee thanks you, in advance, for sharing in this special day!

Gwendolyn Y. Winstead, a 1976 honor graduate from Fisk University, has written the campaign office thanking the Fund for money that was made available to her when a previously available supportive grant was cancelled. "Thank you for helping me on my way toward my goal," she wrote. "Thank you also for helping future students finance the education that would be impossible without aid."

1977 SUMMER CAMPS & CONFERENCES SCHEDULE

July 1-4	<u>College/Young Adult Weekend Fling</u> - Camp Adams
July 3-9	<u>Family Camp</u> - at Camp Adams
July 7-10	<u>Intergenerational Shakespeare Camp</u> - At Ashland
July 8-9	<u>Women's Fellowship Conference</u> at Camp Adams
July 9-17	<u>Intergenerational Trail Camp</u> Sawtooth Mountains, Idaho
July 24-30	<u>Junior High Camp I</u> - at Camp Adams
July 31-Aug. 6	<u>Junior Camp</u> - at Camp Adams
Aug. 7-13	<u>Family Trail Camp</u> - Olympic Peninsula, Washington
Aug. 7-13	<u>Junior High Camp II</u> - at Camp Adams
Aug. 14-20	<u>Senior High Camp</u> - at Pilgrim Cove
Aug. 21-27	<u>Mid-High Camp</u> - at Camp Adams
Sept. 2-5	<u>Labor Day Weekend Family Fling</u> - at Camp Adams

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF
OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION



<u>OREGON</u>	1976 RECEIPTS		Wilsonville, Meridian Miscellaneous	Basic OCWM	Other Suppor-
	Basic	Other OCWM		\$1,000	\$ 397
Albany	\$ 335	\$ 129		176	---
Ashland	1,000	368		\$116,089	\$28,454
Astoria	240	137			
Beavercreek	1,300	332			
Beaverton	6,150	1,134			
Butteville	----	----			
Cascade Locks	37	----			
Clackamas	240	238			
Condon	2,207	692			
Corvallis	6,000	2,091			
Elliott Prairie	301	114			
Enterprise	751	222			
Eugene	12,100	2,753			
Forest Grove	12,700	2,217			
Gaston	901	165			
Gresham, Zion	2,573	463			
Hillsboro	1,650	719			
Hood River	2,720	85			
Hubbard	1,095	395			
Ione	2,550	882			
Jennings Lodge	----	78			
Klamath Falls	359	43			
Lake Oswego	1,638	461			
Lincoln City	2,616	352			
Medford	3,100	1,177			
Milton-Freewater:					
Ingle Chapel	755	240			
United	250	----			
Milwaukie	1,179	354			
Portland:					
Cedar Hills	4,670	431			
Ebenezer	----	----			
First	8,140	2,424			
Highland	400	----			
Hillsdale	4,366	1,133			
Parkrose	5,499	2,294			
Rivercrest	3,472	312			
St. Andrew's	750	----			
Second	961	424			
Trinity	881	157			
Waverly Heights	2,481	785			
Salem, First	9,891	3,405			
Salem, Knight Memorial	2,600	422			
Scappoose	----	----			
Smyrna	1,754	225			
The Dalles	1,693	344			
Tillamook, St. John's	2,607	1,554			

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES

The UCBWM is eager to appoint active Christians who are committed to the world-wide mission of the church to serve in cross-cultural settings in genuine partnerships with local colleagues. Call the Conference for a brochure on the places of opportunity.

THE BOOKMOBILE MADE A DIFFERENCE

Georgianna Maynard and her husband Dick missionaries of the United Church Board World Ministries. Dick is business manager and treasurer at the American Collegiate Institute, a secondary school for girls Izmir, Turkey, where Georgianna reported graphically on the school's bookmobile gram.

A village teacher can now proudly say students read above the national average. When I came to the school two years ago, children's reading ability was well below national average. During those two years bookmobile from your school has come to I know it made the difference."

FROM TERRY KAWATA

I have been stimulated and helped by articles by some of our pastors in their church papers on the "I Found It" campaign. I have heard varieties of reactions to it across our Conference. Let me add some of my own reflections.

1. I have ambivalent feelings about it.
2. I agree with Farley Maxwell that "They create current. The questions they raise bring religious issues into the flow of our daily lives. They cause us to think, even when we disagree." And all that is good.
3. I like also Frank Baldwin's comment, "I do wish that 'finding it' was not so closely associated with the transparent symbols of material success and detachment from worldly conflict and anguish."
4. Martin Marty commenting in "context" quotes another (Roger Van Harn) "Here's Life misses the gospel. Christians believe, and the Bible teaches, that we are not saved by our decision,...or by our religion. We are saved by the Grace of God....

One would never guess from the campaign 'teasers' that trusting the Grace of God frees a person to take up his cross and follow."

Well, if "I Found It" helps you confront and be confronted by the hard judgment and the liberating grace that is in Jesus Christ, then it has done good. But as the foregoing writers have pointed out, it could also deceive and lead to what Dietrich Bonhoeffer has called "cheap grace". Then that would be a betrayal and lend only to a greater cynicism and despair.

The good news of Jesus Christ is that God is in the places of brokenness and death, and all of us know their reality in our lives, but because God is there, there is always the possibility of new life, and we also know that reality. That new life is a gift. And having received that gift, we are called to be a part of the death that is all around us, to participate in the suffering and

agony of humanity, trusting in God's grace to raise us again to new life.

Moreover, Davie Napier in talking on I Kings 21 has Ahab say to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy...my friend?" He is pointing to the juxtaposition of judgment and love, that indeed love itself is judgment and hope. Well, God is both enemy and friend. And to ignore or deny God the enemy is never to really know God the friend.

As we move into the season of Lent, I pray it may be a time of fresh reflection and renewal for us all.

Blessings on you.

OGHS

One year ago, Guatemala suffered a major disaster. An earthquake destroyed 257,000 homes, and 1,066,063 persons were left homeless. Today, through Church World Service, you have helped to build some 30,000 new homes, enough to house approximately 150,000 persons--that's about the same number of people who live in a city the size of Tacoma, New Haven, Savannah, or Ft. Worth, and additional homes are under construction.

In the first months after the earthquake, CWS moved to provide emergency needs. It shipped over a million pounds of clothing, blankets, medical supplies, food, tools, lumber, and roofing. Temporary tents and longer-range reconstruction is going on over a two-year period.

We, in the United Church of Christ, have contributed, and continue to contribute, to Guatemala's needs through our One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering. As you plan your contribution to OGHS this year (most congregations will observe OGHS on March 20), consider the help that has been given in Guatemala this past year, multiply this by the many other emergency situations that happen around the world, including the Teton Dam Disaster, note that needs continue, and consider whether you can multiply your last year's contribution--by two, three, four, or more times--in order to make your gift to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing a truly generous one!

FROM SALLY BARTLEY AND BILL TURNER, MEMBERS
ON THE UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR WORLD MIN.

We are your members on the United Church Board for World Ministries. After attending the Annual Meeting of the Board last October, we came home tremendously excited about the outreach programs of both our own denomination and Church World Service.

We also came home, however, with a concern about the future of our programs unless we can increase the level of our giving. The need throughout the world is so great - there is massive starvation, natural disasters, and countries with a myriad of needs. Our generosity in the OGHS offering means the difference between responding to these needs or turning aside in the face of human suffering.

We did very well in the Central Pacific Conference last year. Most of our churches increased their OGHS giving. This year, the need is as great or even greater. We hope each of you can excite your congregations about this opportunity for sharing so that all of us in this Conference can be participants in sharing God's love with people in need throughout the world.

We wish to remind you to use us as resources for materials and information. The Board keeps us well supplied with facts, figures and audio-visual lists. We have a brand new filmstrip on the work of the Service Division suitable for adults or children -- also one on the work of Heifer Project in Guatemala. We have a few copies of a play "More Than Bread" suitable for morning worship. We have a scrapbook of ideas tried and proven from around the U.S. and would be happy to share it. We'll be pleased to meet with mission or stewardship committees or church councils, talk with church school classes or from the pulpit.

Please call on us. We want to be of service.
Sally Bartley - 254-3554 evenings
Bill Turner - 645-4140 evenings

The Conference Office has a new position open Receptionist-clerk-typist. Please write or call by February 28 if interested. We are an equal opportunity employer.

TESTIMONIAL

Dr. William O. Davis, a 1956 graduate of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama speaks very highly of his alma mater because Talladega offers students a well-rounded quality education.

Dr. Davis says Talladega was one of the first Black Southern Schools to receive a triple accreditation. Triple A accreditation allows a student to transfer their credits from Talladega to any other accredited school.

He is now Associate Professor of Chemistry at Warner Pacific College, Director of Research at Western States College and also served as Director of Albina Health Care Center.

Dr. Davis is chairperson of the 17/76 Achievement Fund at Highland Church, Portland. gives high praise to the United Church Christ for its continued support to Talladega and the other Black Colleges.

From Tillamook St. John's Church newsletter

"Have you ever heard this before, "God shows Himself everywhere in nature and in our environment in general, so why go to church worship Him?" This argument is hard to dispel. Surely it is true a person can and should worship God anywhere at any time. However, those who never go to church or only occasionally are at least partly in error because in both the Old and New Testament, God tells us to come together with other believers for worship and teaching.

Christians need other Christians. There is the need to hear the word preached. death of Paul, Peter and the other chosen by Jesus was not the end of the need for Christian ministry. A full Christian life includes both worship with our fellow Christians and private worship. With this knowledge, we may better be able to dispel the argument that one need not go to church to worship God. 'In union there is strength. Together we can do many things we could do alone.'

-- Evangelism Committee

DOSSAL CLOTH STILL TRAVELLING

A question that comes to me so often when I meet with groups in our churches is: "When does our church have the Dossal Cloth? The churches in the middle and southern areas of the State of Oregon are on this schedule:

Salem, First	February 13
Salem, Knight Memorial	February 20
Lincoln City	February 27
Corvallis	March 6
Eugene	March 13
Medford	March 20
Klamath Falls	March 27

Churches in the Assist Cluster are being scheduled for the time period of April 3 through May 15. Then the Dossal will return to the Conference Office for the Annual Assembly in Beaverton the weekend of May 20-22. After Assembly, churches who were not able to have it, or were missed for some reason, may schedule time through the Conference Office.

This Dossal Cloth is irreplaceable! The Committee asks with all earnestness that it be handled carefully; that it NOT be shipped by public conveyance - it was lost once when this happened. In going from one church to another, try to arrange for it to go by car, persons meeting half-way when the distance is too great.

- Anne Pearse Smith

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

WAKE UP is the call this year to all women's groups in our churches -- study groups, circles, prayer groups, task forces, fellowships! It doesn't matter what name is used. If it is a group of women who meet together to work, to study, to serve, to worship, to enjoy each others company - we are talking with you.

The next series of CLUSTER MEETINGS is scheduled in March. We have tried to select dates that will be suitable for all sections of Oregon:

Medford	March 8
Hubbard	March 10
Gresham	March 15
Condon	March 17

For further information, write the Rev. Anne P. Smith, 1645 S.W. Filmont, Portland, 97225.

A CELEBRITY IN OUR MIDST

Pam Ivanoff, age 11, First Congregational Church of Astoria, entered a drawing contest sponsored by UNICEF in 1974. The drawing, entitled "The Family Tree", was chosen from among 15,000 to be exhibited at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.

The following year Pam was notified that her drawing had been chosen by Scott Foresman to illustrate the cover of a reading text book and work book used throughout the world by English speaking elementary schools.

Recently Pam was informed that her drawing was chosen by UNICEF for the 1978 edition of their engagement calendar which will have as its theme "The Tree of Life."

Congratulations Pam!

Pam is the daughter of Linda and Bill Ivanoff of the Astoria Church.



UCC MINISTER NAMED TO UNITED NATIONS BY JIMMY CARTER

When President Jimmy Carter named his cabinet, he selected a United Church of Christ minister to be the United States Ambassador to the United Nations. The Rev. Andrew J. Young, a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary, was ordained in Central Church UCC in New Orleans, Louisiana, on February 23, 1955. While at Hartford Seminary, Andy was active in local churches through the Christian Activities Council of the Hartford Congregational Churches. In addition to his ministry in local churches, he was closely related to the ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

For the past several years, he has been serving in the Congress of the United States as a Representative from Georgia. The Rev. Andrew J. Young of the United Church of Christ is now Ambassador Young at the United Nations!

VIEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

White Salmon - With the leadership of Fred Haag, Pastor, this 99 membership has built a 35 unit Senior Citizens Home, paid off the mortgage on their parsonage by setting up a recycling center and are now looking toward an expansion of their ministry to the elderly. They are an inspiration!

Parkrose people and pastor journey to Gresham to work with the people of Zion Church in the building of their church. From the Zion Zephyr, "We are grateful indeed for these helping hands and the good will and fellowship it means." The men and women of Zion Church continue to dedicate their Saturdays and Sundays and some week days to building their church.

The American Falls Church broke ground for a new church on November 28. Armin Munz, pastor in Pocatello, represented the Conference in the service. We wish you blessings. Pictured are: Otto Deeg, Vernon Miller, Rose Ann Funk, Lyle Eliasen, Jim Pahl.



ABOUT OUR PASTORS:

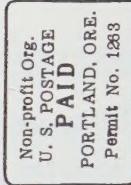
Clyde Martin of the Idaho Falls Church recently underwent surgery. He is doing well. We keep you in prayer.

Jane Tomlin's (Milwaukie Church) step-father died suddenly. We pray God's Grace to uphold you.

Two pastors have announced their coming retirement:

Dr. Leonard Reifel, pastor of the Community Church of Weiser, Idaho.

The Rev. William Tempest, pastor of the Zion United Church of Christ in Gresham.



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of one that runs, call Harold
Adkins at Camp - 829-2118.

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